



Spare a moment and some change for Aruba's special athletes!

Aruba's special athletes are training hard to prepare for the International Special Olympics that will take place in Beijing, China during November 2007. They and the organizers of the effort to take them to the Olympics have also been working hard to raise the funds for the trip, and with the help of various sponsors and individuals, they are half-way to their goal.

The group from Eddie Dandlau's woodworking classes at "Man na Obra," a center for mentally challenged adults, had the inventive idea of making contribution cans to be placed at various locations where departing tourists could leave any spare Aruban coinage they don't need anymore. They hope to find a place for the cans, which are emblazoned with a banner declaring their cause, at hotel check-out desks, in various locations of the airport, and in the duty free shops, where departing visitors can dispose of any leftover Aruban spare change.

Cado, Felice, Patrick, Ivo, and Eugene put a lot of effort into their work, and were proud to present them to SVGA Director Arturo Werleman, who will be contacting businesses and individuals regarding placing the cans. They have nine ready so far, and will have many more soon.

It is the wish of the Foundation Special Olympics to send eight athletes and two chaperones to Beijing to represent Aruba, and they still need to collect an additional 50,000 Aruban Florins (\$28,000) to accomplish this, which will require a community effort. Those wishing to make donations to send Aruba's special athletes to Beijing, or willing to place one of these cans are asked to call Arturo Werleman at 730-0414, or Netty Williams at 585-9533. It only takes a moment to spare some time and change for these very special people and assist them in this admirable goal!